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SUBJ: INDIAN PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO IRAN

REF: TEHRAN 6738

1. INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN DELHI LEADS US TO CONCUR  
WITH TEHRAN THAT PRESIDENT AHMED'S VISIT TO IRAN JUNE 26  
THROUGH 30 WAS A SOOTHING BUT SUBSTANTIALLY UNPRODUCTIVE  
EXERCISE WHICH HAS LITTLE IMMEDIATE SIGNIFICANCE IN  
EITHER BILATERAL OR REGIONAL TERMS. UNLIKE ITS IRANIAN  
COUNTERPART, HOWEVER, THE INDIAN PRESS WENT TO CONSIDERABLE  
LENGTHS TO MAKE IT APPEAR OTHERWISE. DURING THE PERIOD  
OF THE VISIT THE DELHI NEWSPAPERS HEADLINED DETAILED  
REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS EVENTS IN TEHRAN, AND AT ITS CON-  
CLUSION THE INDIAN EDITORIALISTS CLAIMED TO FIND "STRIKING"  
AND "ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT" THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS  
SHARE AN INTEREST IN REGIONAL COOPERATION AND THAT INDIA  
IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER JOINING IRAN IN AN ECONOMIC LINK-  
UP WITH PAKISTAN AND TURKEY.

2. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE GOI MAY HAVE DERIVED MOST

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SATISFACTION FROM THE OPPORTUNITY THE VISIT GAVE TO

PRESENT TO THE SHAH ITS EXPLANATION FOR THE RECENT FAVORABLE TURN OF EVENTS IN SOUTH ASIA, ESPECIALLY THE INDO-PAK PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION. ACCORDING TO THE SAMACHAR ACCOUNT OF THE JUNE 26 BANQUET TOASTS, PRESIDENT AHMED "DREW POINTED ATTENTION TO THE POSITIVE INITIATIVES TAKEN BY INDIA FOR HAVING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES OF THE SUB-CONTINENT, INCLUDING PAKISTAN". THE GOI HAS BEEN INTENT ON COUNTERING THE PAKISTANI VERSION OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAS ISLAMABAD MAKING THESE INITIATIVES (E.G. SEE THE FORMULATION IN MAY 28 CENTO COMMUNIQUE WHICH IRAN AND THE OTHER FORU MEMBERS SIGNED), AND EVIDENTLY USED PRESIDENT AHMED'S VISIT TO ADVANCE ITS OWN EXPLANATION.

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